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TOPIC: Military Information from Chemnitz

EVALUATION F - 3

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DATE OF CONTENT 25 February 1951

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REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Three freight trains, one loaded with infantry guns and the two others with about 40 JS-3 or Shchuka tanks each, were unloaded at the Chemnitz (N 51/K 66) freight yard, north of the main railroad station, between 1 and 4 a.m. on 25 February. The number of infantry guns could not be determined. They were of about 75 mm caliber and had a short, stout barrel with a reinforced muzzle, mounted on a split-trail carriage with two large wheels. During the period of unloading, all streets in a wide circumference around the freight yard were cordoned off by military personnel.
2. Source's landlady, who lives near the railroad station, stated that, on 24 February, the Furth settlement on Ebersdorfer Wald (woods) had been cleared of civilian residents in order to furnish quarters for Soviet Army personnel. Since the tanks which were unloaded the following night assembled at the freight station into a column headed north, source concluded that the units moved to the Furth settlement. *
3. On 25 February, it was learned that the population of the Furth settlement near Chemnitz was recently evicted and the houses were to be used as troop billets. Source could not determine whether troops were already in the settlement at that time. *

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. The information furnished by the first source fails to specify whether the three trains carried only materiel, or whether they carried troop units. If the trains actually arrived in Chemnitz, it is believed that they were not dispatched from the U.S.S.R. but from an ordnance depot in the Soviet Zone of Germany, in case they carried only materiel. Since the information on the evacuation of the Furth settlement was reported only by the two sources of the present report, it, as well as the information on the unloading of the three trains, is to be received with reserve.

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